

The Convention proceeded to ballot for field officers for the militia in Baltimore county, when the following persons were elected, to wit

Gun powder battalion. Walter Tolley, jun. colonel; Darby Lux, lieutenant-colonel; James Gittings, 1st major; Thomas Sollers, 2d; Benjamin Rogers, quarter-master. Soldier's-delight battalion. Thomas Gift, sen. colonel; Samuel Owings, lieutenant-colonel; John Cradock, 1st major; Isaac Hammond, 2d; Joseph Gift, quarter-master. Baltimore-Town battalion. William Buchanan, colonel; John Moale, lieutenant-colonel; Benjamin Nicholson, 1st major; Thomas Jones, 2d; James Calhoun, quarter-master.

Convention adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, May 25, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. Ringgold, and Mr. William Harrison. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

On motion, RESOLVED, That a committee be appointed to prepare a passport for his excellency governor Eden, and to draught a letter to the Committee of Safety of Virginia; and Mr. Paca, Mr. T. Johnson, and Mr. Hollyday, were elected by ballot a committee for that purpose.

Mr. Handy appeared in the house. Mr. Ewing has leave of absence.

Mr. Hollyday brings in and delivers to Mr. President, a report from the committee to whom the memorial of the battalion of regulars was referred, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Paca brings in and delivers to Mr. President, a report from the committee appointed to devise a proper establishment of a court of admiralty, for the trial of such captures and seizures as may be made pursuant to the late resolves of the Continental Congress on that subject, and brought into any port or district within this province, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

A memorial from captain George Stricker was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Turbutt Wright has leave of absence.

The Convention took into their consideration the report from the committee appointed to devise a proper establishment for a court of admiralty, for the trial of such captures and seizures as are or may be made pursuant to the late resolves of the Continental Congress on that subject, and brought into any port or district within this province, and thereupon came to the following resolutions, to wit.

RESOLVED, That a court of admiralty be established for the trial of such captures and seizures, with full power to take cognizance of all libels on account of such captures and seizures, and to proceed to a final determination and decree thereupon. Which court shall consist of a judge to hear and determine, a register to record the proceedings, and a marshal to call the said court and execute the several processes thereof; the said judge to be nominated and commissioned by the Convention, or in the recess thereof, to be nominated and commissioned by the Council of Safety for the time being; and the said register and marshal to be nominated and appointed by the judge of the said court; the commission of the said judge, and the nomination and appointment of the said register and marshal, to be during the will and pleasure of the Convention